

## **Madison City Disability Advocacy Board Amended Minutes for July 13, 2010**

**Time:** 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm

**Location:** City Hall, Mayor's Conference Room

**Board Members Present:** Claudia Rice, Cana Farr, Debrah Underwood, Maria Kilgore, Patricia Switzer, Mike Cassell, Don Gardner, Beth Newlin, Jane Dow

**Board Members Absent:** Tony Osani

**Guests:** Susan Klingel

### **Proceedings began at 6:00 pm**

**Guest Speaker:** Susan Klingel from The Arc of Madison County discussed several programs being implemented at The Arc including the MIDAS program that will hire individuals with disabilities to work for the Arc but will be paid with Federal funds. The Arc is also working on a program for hiring individuals with disabilities to work on the Arsenal in a variety of different job capacities. These individuals will need security clearances. Another program in work is going to help with individual's medical, dental and transportation expenses. This is funded through a federal grant. Ms. Klingel mentioned that the shredding and recycling programs were going extremely well, to the point that they will be obtaining a second truck for shredding and have entered the Pepsi refresh project to win a \$250,000 grant that will allow them to build a new recycling facility. To vote for this project, go to [www.refresheverything.com/arcrecycle](http://www.refresheverything.com/arcrecycle). Voting will continue through July 31, 2010.

Claudia Rice made the motion to inform Mayor Finley that MCDAB supports the City of Madison contracting with The Arc for shredding services. The motion was seconded and passed with no opposition. Ms. Rice will inform Mayor Finley of the board's support and suggest the City of Madison consider using the Arc's shredding services when their current contract expires

**Hand-in Hand Playground:** Mike Cassell and Claudia Rice discussed the playground prior to the meeting officially starting because Mr. Cassell had to leave early. Ms. Rice advised Mr. Cassell to go ahead and choose the colors for the playground equipment that would best compliment the equipment already there. Ms. Rice will send Mr. Cassell an email to remind him to let her know the timeline for the equipment delivery.

**Minutes:** Debrah Underwood read the minutes from the June 8, 2010 board meeting.

**Treasure's Report:** Cana Farr handed out the report and no discrepancies or errors were noted. The ending balance was reported as \$8,958. 39.

**Announcements:** Maria Kilgore announced that Claudia Rice would be the guest speaker at the Parent Advisory meeting on November 1, 2010 instead of September as announced in the June MCDAB meeting.

Claudia Rice announced that training on Customized Employment will be presented on August 4, 2010 by the Alabama Council for Development Disabilities, the Alabama Department of Mental Health, the Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services, and the Alabama APSE. This training will be from 10:00 – 12 noon at the Huntsville ADRS Office at 3000 Johnson Road in Huntsville. Questions regarding the training should be directed to Byron White at 334-353-7713 or email [Byron.white@mh.alabama.gov](mailto:Byron.white@mh.alabama.gov).

Beth Newlin announced that if you mention the Daylife Program when shopping at Once Upon a Scrapbook located on Hwy. 72 they will give 10 percent of the purchase price of your order as a donation to the program.

Maria Kilgore announced that the International Multisensory Conference will be held in October and will bring more information next month. Also, the Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive will be held October 23 and 24, 2010.

Jane Dow announced that she attended a workshop at the Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services on July 6, 2010 as the MCDAB representative.

**Madison Street Festival:** MCDAB will not be selling pizza as discussed in last month's meeting; however, Cana Farr presented information on what would be involved with baking and selling Otis Spunkmeyer cookies. Maria Kilgore offered the use of three Otis Spunkmeyer ovens that the Bob Jones High School Special Ed Department has and offered to look into the possibility of using the special ed classes to assist in the cookie preparation if additional assistance is needed. Ms. Farr discussed using either the Daylife Program and/or the Koinonia program to help prepare the cookies. Ms. Rice will contact the Otis Spunkmeyer representative to gather more information to present at the next board meeting. Ms. Rice also discussed recruiting volunteers to help work the booth.

**Housing and Day Services Committees:** No report

**Employment Committee:** Jane Dow reported that the committee is preparing a booth for the Chamber of Commerce Event on July 31, 2010 at Dublin Park in Madison. She asked for board volunteers to help man the booth. Balloons will be given away that are printed with the MCDAB website and a message encouraging employment of individuals with disabilities. An email vote was taken on June 10<sup>th</sup> as follows: at the request of Jane Dow, the motion was made to allow for the purchase of approximately 330 printed balloons at a cost of \$154.00. Five yes votes were recorded from board members Maria Kilgore, Cana Farr, Claudia Rice, Jane Dow and Tony Osani. The motion passed. Jane Dow asked that funding for the balloons, already approved by the board, be amended from \$285 to \$375. This would allow for balloon clips, string and taxes to be paid, which were inadvertently left off the first quote of the price of the balloons. The motion was made to amend the amount as requested and seconded by Debrah Underwood. The motion was passed. It was noted by Maria Kilgore that in the future, MCDAB should try and do business with the Lowe Center for items such as these.

A side discussion began on how to involve the new YMCA in MCDAB's goals for the community and concluded with Claudia Rice volunteering to relook at the Needs Assessment and list issues that could be addressed by the YMCA. The board will discuss those issues and may invite Scott Mounts of the YMCA to attend a future meeting to discuss what is currently planned for addressing the needs of the persons with disabilities in the community.

**Emergency Preparedness:** Beth Newlin reported that work is still continuing with 911 services and Intergraph to determine if funding is needed to update 911's database for inputting disability information. Several avenues for funding were mentioned including police/firefighter funding. Trish Switzer provided examples of an emergency preparedness package that she helped assemble for Family Voices. This is a Ziploc bag with medical information/papers that is stored in the family freezer for quick access in case of evacuation or emergency medical treatment (emergency services know to look in freezer for this information). Ms. Newlin volunteered to gather information on what it would cost for MCDAB to assemble 1000 of these packages. Ms. Switzer motioned that 50 kits be prepared for the July 31st Chamber of Commerce event. Following discussion, Claudia Rice amended the motion to simply state that the board will prepare the Emergency Preparedness Packets. This will allow the board to prepare any amount of packets for use in any venue. The vote was seconded and passed. The assembly of the packets is an activity the Daylife participants could easily help with. Ms. Rice will order more FEMA handouts to include in the packets.

**MCDAB Brochure:** Claudia Rice would like to update the MCDAB brochure and is soliciting ideas. This will be worked through email this coming month.

**Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.**